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Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary  
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Office of the U.S. Trade Representative  
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Washington, D.C. 20508

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*Re: Steel, Investigation No. TA-201-73; Exclusion Request*

Dear Ms. Blue:

We are writing in response to the exclusion request for large diameter steel wire rod filed by Saarlstahl AG and Saarlsteel Inc. Kreher Steel Company, LLC is a U.S. distributor and processor of a full range of carbon, alloy, stainless and tool steel rod and bar products, with offices and warehouses across the country.

We fully support the proposed exclusion. In our experience, the U.S. steel industry is not able to meet the U.S. market demand for this product. The shortage of supply is particularly acute with wire rod having a diameter of 26mm or greater. There are only two U.S. companies (i.e., Ispat Inland Inc. and Republic Technologies Inc.) that can produce wire rod in this size range.

Accordingly, we ask that large diameter steel wire rod be excluded from any safeguard measures imposed by the President.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Thomas Budisak, Vice President  
Kreher Steel Company, LLC